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1. NOBILITY REPORTS GERMAN USE OF KNICKERBEIN SYSTEM TO BOMB FULTON
2. INTELLIGENCE FROM THE FRIENDS

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To DIRECTOR.

1. NOBILITY [ZNAT'] [i] has reported the following information on the SAUSAGE-DEALERS [KOLBASNIKI] [ii] air-raid on FULTON 10 days ago. 30 SAUSAGE-DEALER bombers and 30 fighters used a radio beam [iii] to fly from Northern France; they passed over PORTLAND straight for BRISTOL from where they turned on to the FULTON Aircraft Factory. All the bombs were dropped in a ring of smoke laid above the factory by one of the SAUSAGE-DEALERS. Three shelters were destroyed by a direct hit, killing 81 people and injuring 300-500. The damage to production was slight. British fighters appeared after the raid.

2. The FRIENDS [DRUZ'Ya] [iv] have reported that all Australian units are gradually being sent from the United Kingdom [METROPOLIYA] to Palestine. Some British units stationed in Northern Ireland are also being sent to Palestine. As a result of the bombing WOOLWICH ARSENAL is working six hours out of the twenty-four. Part of the ARSENAL is being moved to WORCESTER. Last week the SAUSAGE-DEALERS dropped [250] incendiary bombs on FORD Aerodrome, 4 km from ARUNDEL, where British bombers are also stationed now.

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Comments: ✓ [i] NOBILITY: Unidentified covername. See also LONDON's Nos. 987 of 6th September 1940, 1024 of 17th September 1940 and 1232 of 30th October 1940 (3/NEW/T1742, first sentence, where NOBILITY appears as "[i group unidentified]").

✓ [ii] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

- [444] Radio beam: the German KNICKERKIN system. At this time knowledge of the KNICKERKIN was very highly classified (cp. W.S. CHURCHILL, The Second World War, vol. II, pp. 339-344 in Cassell's edition).
- ✓[iv] The FRIENDS: members of the Communist Party.
- [v] BRION: Col. I.A. SKLYAROV, Soviet Military and Air Attaché in LONDON 1940-1946. BRION's first appearance as a signatory (or addressee) is in LONDON's No. 1149 of 11th October 1940.